

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace the current drawings with the attached (4) replacement sheets of formal drawings.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-10, 13 and 16-20 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 2, 3, 11, 12, 14 and 15 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1, 4, 5, 13, 16 and 17 are amended. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.121(d). Submitted herewith are formal drawings. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 9-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Van Schaik et al. (U.S. Patent 6,828,569), or alternatively, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Van Schaik et al. in view of Koizumi et al. (U.S. Patent 4,704,348). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully resubmit that U.S. Patent 6,828,569 to Van Schaik et al., which is assigned on its face to ASML Netherlands B.V., the assignee of the instant application, does not disclose or suggest a moisturizer, inherently or under any other reading and/or theory. However, in order to advance prosecution of the application, the subject matter of dependent claims 2 and 3, which the Examiner acknowledges is not disclosed by Van Schaik et al., or the combination of Van Schaik et al. and Koizumi et al., has been incorporated into claim 1 and the subject matter of claims 14 and 15, which the Examiner acknowledges is not disclosed by Van Schaik et al., or the combination of Van Schaik et al. and Koizumi et al., has been incorporated into claim 13.

Claims 9 and 10 recite additional features of the invention and are allowable for the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1 and for the additional features recited therein.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 9-13 over Van Schaik et al., or over Van Schaik et al. in view of Koizumi et al. are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Koizumi et al. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

With respect to claims 2 and 3, which have been incorporated into claim 1 and claims 14 and 15, which have been incorporated into claim 13, the Examiner alleges that the inlet delivery pipe 25 of Koizumi et al. corresponds to both the at least one gas inlet and the dry gas inlet. See page 9, lines 4 and 9 of the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that the inlet delivery pipe 25 of Koizumi et al. cannot correspond to both the at least one gas inlet and the dry gas inlet. In other words, Koizumi et al. cannot anticipate claim 1 (as amended to

include claims 2 and 3) and claim 13 (as amended to include claims 14 and 15) as Koizumi et al. do not disclose each and every feature, i.e. at least one gas inlet and a dry gas inlet.

Claims 4-10, and 16-20 recite additional features of the invention and are allowable for the same reasons discussed above with respect to claims 1 and 13 and for the additional features recited therein.

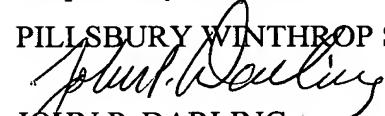
Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection over Koizumi et al. are respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all the claims are allowable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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